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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2305

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### Introduced by Assembly Member Bloom

February 18, 2016

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An act to amend Section 2863 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to marine resources: *fish*.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2305, as amended, Bloom. ~~Marine protected areas. Native steelhead trout: study.~~

*Existing law establishes the Department of Fish and Wildlife in the Natural Resources Agency. Under existing law, the department has jurisdiction over the conservation, protection, and management of fish, wildlife, native plants, and habitat necessary for biologically sustainable populations of those species.*

*This bill would require the department to conduct a study of native steelhead trout, as specified, and to submit the study to the Legislature by January 1, 2018.*

~~The Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) establishes the Marine Life Protection Program to reexamine and redesign California's marine protected area system. Existing law requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to prepare, and the Fish and Game Commission to adopt, a master plan that guides the adoption and implementation of the program, including recommended alternative networks of marine protected areas. The MLPA requires the department to confer when necessary with the United States Navy regarding issues related to its activities under the MLPA.~~

~~This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to that requirement to confer.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     *SECTION 1. (a) The Department of Fish and Wildlife shall*  
2     *conduct a study of native steelhead trout. The department shall do*  
3     *all of the following in the study:*  
4     *(1) Identify which subspecies of native steelhead trout is best*  
5     *suited for adaptation to warming seas due to climate change.*  
6     *(2) Identify areas of the state where the subspecies of native*  
7     *steelhead trout identified in paragraph (1) is found.*  
8     *(3) Describe the current level of sustainability, current*  
9     *population condition, and population needs of the subspecies of*  
10    *native steelhead trout identified in paragraph (1).*  
11    *(4) Identify subspecies of native steelhead trout that are most*  
12    *at risk of extinction due to climate change.*  
13    *(b) (1) The department shall submit the study to the Legislature*  
14    *by January 1, 2018.*  
15    *(2) The study submitted pursuant to this subdivision shall be*  
16    *submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government*  
17    *Code.*  
18    ~~SECTION 1. Section 2863 of the Fish and Game Code is~~  
19    ~~amended to read:~~  
20    ~~2863. The department shall confer when necessary with the~~  
21    ~~United States Navy regarding issues related to its activities.~~